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1. FOLLOWING IS JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 23 AFTER
TALKS IN TONGA BETWEEN GOT AND SOVIET FISHERIES DELEGATION
(REFTEL):

"IN DISCUSSIONS HELD AT PALACE, NUKUALOFA, FRIDAY JULY
23, BETWEEN HM KING TAUFAAHAU TUPOU IV AND REPRESENTATIVES
OF USSR, LED BY MR. G. V. ZHIGALOV, SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER
OF FISHERIES, IT WAS AGREED TO EXPLORE CERTAIN AREAS IN WHICH
TONGA AND USSR MIGHT COOPERATE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE AND
FOSTER FRIENDLY RELATIONS, UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD WILL THAT
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HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN THEM SINCE TONGA S REENTRY INTO COMITY OF

NATIONS.

"DISUCSSIONS RANGED OVER WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS. POSSIBLE AREAS WHERE TWO COUNTRIES MIGHT COOPERATE INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF RENDERING SOVIET TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TONGA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES IN TONGA FOR PROVISIONING AND SERVICING SOVIET FISHING VESSELS AND CHANGES IN THEIR CREWS.

"POSSIBILITIES OF SENDING SOVIET EXPERTS TO TONGA TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY FEASIBILITY STUDIES WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SEND THOSE EXPERTS WILL BE DETERMINED AT LATER STAGE THROUGH THE NORMAL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION.

(COMMUNIQUE ENDS WITH LIST OF SOVIET DELEGATION, REPORTED REFTEL, AND TONGAN PARTICIPANTS WHICH INCLUDED IN ADDITION TO KING, THE PRIME MINISTER, THE CROWN PRINCE (WHO IS ALSO ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS), AND SECRETARY TO GOVT.)

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH TONGA CHRONICLE, ZHIGALOV NOTED POSSIBILITIES NOT ONLY OF COOPERATION IN FISHERIES FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT OF TONGA AND USSR BUT ALSO POSSIBILITY OF FISHING VESSEL REPAIR SERVICE. HE ADDED THAT ON QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORT THERE WILL BE SOVIET DELEGATION FROM MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION TO DEAL WITH THAT.

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